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Greatest Political Boss has Reigned Twenty Years.

"Boss" Charles F. Murphy, one of the most noted political figures in the United States, says an exchange, is nearing his twentieth anniversary of his reign as "boss" of Tammany Hall. In his career as leader he has been credited with nominating ten Governors of New York State and electing six mayors of New York City. That he was the man who was mainly responsible for the nomination of James M. Cox for President two years ago is generally conceded.

Murphy has continued to rule New York despite the individual and collective efforts of the Republicans, Fusionists, Coalitionists, Independent Democrats, Citizen's Union and other organizations built as conditions arose in helpless attempt to end his reign.

The late Richard Croker retired as leader of Tammany in January, 1902. Lewis Nixon succeeded Croker but served only until May that year. Then Murphy, ten years in the political game, Daniel F. McMahon, then chairman of the Tammany Executive Committee, and Louis F. Haffen, formed a commission to guide the party.

The triumvirate failed to function satisfactorily and Murphy was voted into full power as chief of Tammany four months later, Sept. 20.

Murphy first attracted notice in State politics when he nominated Bird S. Coler, now Welfare Commissioner under Mayor Hylan of New York, for Governor in 1902. Murphy announced boldly that Coler would carry Greater New York by 120,000. His majority went over 120,000. He was not elected, however.

Murphy's gentle manner gives new acquaintances with set ideas of political bosses a surprise. He is wealthy and spends most of his leisure time on the nine-hole golf course on his estate "Good Ground" near New York.

The Oldest American.

Many will doubt that up to a few days ago there lived an American who was older than the union States, but it is positively ascertained that John Shell, who died at Grassy Creek, Ky., the other day had records to prove that he was born in 1788, the year after the Constitution was adopted and the year before the United States officially came into existence. Credulity is further strained by the statement that this old Kentuckian of 134 left a son, Albert, by his second wife, aged seven as well as son, William, aged ninety. The Associated Press account of the funeral sent out on July 10, states that "Uncle" John Shell lived a quiet life in the mountain country until he was "discovered" about four years ago, after which he was induced to travel about quite a little for exhibition at State fairs and the like, and that in 1919, at the age of 131, he even ventured up in an aeroplane.

Even if 134 years old John Shell did not hold the record. There are accounts of at least two men in modern times who reached a great age—one a Russian, alleged to have died at 160, and the famous English ancient, Thomas Parr, who died in 1635. Parr's reputed age of 152 was credited by Dr. Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, made an autopsy on the century and a half old body. It is said that Parr was killed by excitement and rich food at the court of King Charles I, and that

NORTH CAROLINA WAS THERE.

North Carolina may well be proud of the fact that three of the sixty-four names to be placed on the great monument to be erected at Verdun in honor of the brave Americans who fell fighting for France before this country officially answered the call are those of North Carolina men—Kiffin Rockwell, of Asheville, Arthur Bloomenthal, of Wilmington, and James H. Baughamm, of Washington.

It is further distinction to the State that of those brave souls who answered the call of the spirit of LaFayette and made the supreme sacrifice in the air service of France. North Carolina furnished all three of the Southern men. There were doubtless other Southern men in the ranks of the LaFayette Escadrille, as the organization was known, but none are named among the sixty-four historic dead in whose honor France will erect a great shrine in the very shadows of the walls of Verdun, where France's greatest fight of her history was made.

James McConnell, of the Sandhills, was another North Carolina boy who went over ahead of

if he had been left to his quiet life in the country he might have lived a few years longer. However that may be, all will agree that the centenarian who abandons the simple life for the pace that kills is a reckless young fellow.—Winston Journal.

THE BIBLE AS A "FEATURE."

During three months past the State Journal of Topeka, Kans., has been publishing parts of the Bible as a weekly "serial." Apparently the results have been altogether satisfactory, for the managing editor of the Journal is said to have announced that he has been the most successful of all the "features" undertaken by him.

He does not mention the effect on his circulation, but says the Bible "features" has proved that his subscribers want reading matter of a religious character, and has brought letters of commendation from every State in the Union, from Canada and from Europe. It seems that for one reason or another several Kansas papers have found it worth while to follow his

America's entry into the war and gained great fame as a hero before death claimed him. His own people of the Sandhills have erected a memorial in the form of a splendid hospital.

The ashes of the three North Carolina heroes who served France will be gathered in urns and burned in plots within the wonderful memorial place along with the other sixty-one of their companions. The finest talent in France is being employed to design and erect the memorial and men and women from all parts of the nation will aid in contributing to the memorial fund.—Lexington Dispatch.

Six Sentenced to be Electrocutted. Amite, La.—Six men were sentenced in district court to pay the death penalty for the murder of Dallas Calmes at Independence, La., last summer.

This is the second time the sextette has heard the death sentence passed. A new trial recently was granted the men, but the verdict was "guilty."

The men to be hanged are Joseph Giglio, Roy Leons, Joseph Blacchie, Hatale Seamore, Joseph Bini and An Area Lament.

lead in this particular.

Apparently there are people who will read the Bible in weekly installments in a newspaper when the bound volume in their homes is never opened. The Bible is, or used to be, in every home, but there are people who need to be reminded by newspaper publication of what interesting reading it contains.

Perhaps in many cases it was not a reminder but a new discovery of practically unheard of moral philosophy, wisdom, powerful dramatic story and unexpected literary excellence. For in our time the "heathen" are not confined to Asia, Africa and far islands; there are multitudes of them in Christian lands.

The conservative is apt to shrink from an irreverent "featuring" of the Bible alongside of the criminal record, sports and politics, but undoubtedly the Topeka State Journal has placed the Scriptures under otherwise unseeing eyes with better results in no few cases, perhaps, than can be hoped from casting pearls before swine.—Winston-Salem Journal.

DENBY FALLS WITH PLANE

HIS AIRPLANE FALLS TO EARTH FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 4,000 FEET.

Engine of Machine Goes Dead While Flying Over Great Wall of China; Nobody is Hurt.

Peking.—Secretary Edwin Denby, of the American navy, narrowly escaped death here in an airplane accident. He was flying at a height of 4,000 feet over the Great Wall when the engine of the plane stalled. The machine was demolished in landing, but Mr. Denby was uninjured.

The plane belonged to the Chinese government and had seen service in the recent fighting between Generals Wu Pei-Fu and Chang Tso-Lin.

Secretary Denby, emphasized that he had made the flight of his own suggestion and that he did not go as the guest of the Peking administration.

The forced landing made in the heart of the hills traversed by the Great Wall, was a thrilling one, after a spectacular flight in which a high altitude was reached to avoid the mountain tops.

The party took off from the capital at noon. In the plane, besides the head of the American navy were Captain Robert Bruce and Commander George Simpson, of the American navy, and Charles Dolan, of Boston, who piloted the machine.

After circling over Peking, Mr. Denby suggested that they proceed to the Great Wall of China. After half an hour's flying over the wall at an altitude of 4,000 feet, the secretary expressed a desire to follow the course of the ancient barrier to observe its serpentine path over the hillsides.

Realizing his danger, Pilot Bolan started to volplane downward, seeking a landing place. Finally he located what appeared to be compara-

NORTH CAROLINA WANTS OLD ACCOUNTS EXAMINED

Washington.—A resolution by Senator Overman (Democrat) of North Carolina, requiring the treasury department to reaudit and restate the accounts of the government with the state of North Carolina for the latter's expenses and advances for military purposes during the war of 1813, was adopted by the senate.

The resolution provides that the same principles made in a federal settlement with the state of Maryland and in claims of other states be applied in case of North Carolina. Chairman Wadsworth of the military committee interjected during the brief debate that he hoped North Carolina would "have better luck" than the state of New York, which, he said, had its claim re-adjusted but had never been able to collect.

Justice of the Peace Killed by Negro

Warren, Va.—Thomas Meredith, justice of the peace, was fatally shot after he had been knocked down by a negro on whom he was serving a warrant at Gainesville, 13 miles from here. The negro fired five shots into the body of the prostrate magistrate, who died almost instantly. He was as a result escaped, but his capture is said to be only a matter of a few hours. Meredith was a brother of the late Representative E. E. Meredith, who represented this district in congress for a number of years.

five clear space in the midst of the hills. Here the plane was brought to earth only to be wrecked against the rocks that strewed the ground.

Secretary Denby was the first man clear of the machine as it struck and he and his companions all escaped uninjured. The party walked to Nankow station, where they telephoned their plight to Peking and a special train was sent to bring them back to the capital.



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Men's and boy's rubber belts, the newest thing in belts
one belt 50c two belts 51c

Good oil cloth, regular good grade
one yard 40c two yards 41c

A variety of Aluminum dishes.
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A variety of Aluminum dishes, smaller sizes
one dish 49c two dishes 50c

Men's summer under shirts and drawers
one for 50c two for 51c

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Every article in this sale is a high-class piece of merchandise, the same as we sell you every day at regular prices. We are taking a great loss in making this sale but the loss will be well spent if the goods please you.

- 5c lace, two yards 6c
- 10c ribbon, two yards 11c
- 15c " " " 16c
- 25c " " " 26c
- 35c " " " 36c
- 5c pearl buttons, 2 dozen for 6c
- 10c " " 2 " " 11c
- 5c Ladies' handkerchiefs, 2 for 6c
- 10c " " 2 " " 11c
- 5c safety pins, two dozen 6c
- 10c dress fasteners, two dozen 11c
- 5c collar buttons, two for 6c
- 10c towels, two for 11c
- 5c sewing thread, two spools 6c
- 10c arm bands, two pair 11c
- 10c shoe laces, two pair 11c
- 35c knitted ties, two for 36c
- 50c ties, two for 51c
- 10c crochet thread balls, 2 for 11c
- 50c lace collars, two for 51c
- 20c children's hose, two pair 21c
- 25c " " " " 26c
- 35c " " " " 36c
- 25c soft collar, two for 26c
- 10c hair net with elastic, 2 for 11c

Extra large pencil Tablets a bargain
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